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SUBJECT: PEKING MARKS THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRG/RSV

SUMMARY: ON THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRG/RSV, PEKING REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PRG GOVERNMENT AND CRITICIZED U.S. BACKING OF SAIGON. IN GENERAL, CHINESE STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION INDICATED A GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE TREND OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHINESE MARKED THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG/RSV) WITH THE CUSTOMARY PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL AND ARTICLES WHICH HAILED THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE LIBERATED AREAS AND RECITED THE TROUBLES AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT. CHOU EN-LAI AND TUNG PI-WU JOINTLY CABLED A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE SUPPORTING THE "CORRECT STAND AND REASONABLE PROPOSALS" OF THE PRG GOVERNMENT,

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WHICH WAS TERMED THE "SOLE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE" OF

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. (LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE HAD REFERRED TO THE PRG SIMPLY AS THE "GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE".) THE PEOPLE'S DAILY (JUNE 6) EDITORIAL CRITICIZED THE SAIGON REGIME FOR BREAKING OFF CONSULTATIONS "BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES, "BUT GENERALLY PROJECTED A FAVORABLE PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "STILL ACUTE AND COMPLEX," THE TREND WAS SAID TO BE DEVELOPING IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE. OTHER PRC MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE OCCASION ALSO REFLECTED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE TREND OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA.

2. AS EXPECTED, PRC CRITICISM CENTERED ON THIEU AND THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, UNLIKE LAST YEAR THERE WAS ALSO CRITICISM OF U.S. ACTIONS. THIS CRITICISM HOWEVER, WAS IN THE PATTERN OF RESTRAINED CHINESE COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL STATED " IT MUST BE POINTED OUT" THAT THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S "INCESSANT VIOLATION AND SABOTAGE" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT "HAD BEEN BACKED" BY THE U.S. AND WENT ON TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR OBSTRUCTION AND DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON BOTH THE "U.S. SIDE AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION." PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT YET MENTIONED THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY'S JUNE 6 STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE U.S. FOR INCREASED MILITARY AID TO THE SOUTH AND CHARGING NEW VIOLATIONS. BUT NCNA DID CARRY KIM IL SUNG'S MILITANT MESSAGE TO MARK THE PRG/RSV ANNIVERSARY WHICH DENOUNCED U.S. IMPERIALISM'S "WANTON" VIOLATIONS. AT THE PRG RECEPTION IN PEKING CHI PENG-FEI TERMED THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM AS "TENSE" AND ALLUDED TO "IMMINENT PROBLEMS STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH REMAIN UNSOLVED."

3. LAST YEAR'S HIGH-LEVEL TURNOUT REPRESENTING THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE PRC LEADERSHIP WAS NOT REPEATED AT THIS YEAR'S GATHERING. CHOU EN-LAI, WANG HUNG-WEN AND CHANG CHUNG-CHIAO, AMONG OTHERS WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR WERE NOT PRESENT. YEH CHIEN-YING HEADED THE CHINESE DELEGATION. REMARKS WERE GIVEN BY CHI PENG-FEI WHO MADE THE STANDARD PLEDGE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHING OF MAO, THE CHINESE WOULD CONTINUE TO FULFILL THEIR INTERNATIONALIST DUTY AND FIRMLY SUPPORT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

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